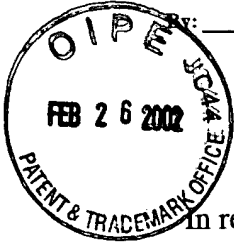


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Figures 1A, 1B and 1C show the amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of the novel leptin receptor gene-related protein, LRGRP produced using MACDNASIS software (Hitachi Software Engineering Co Ltd).

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